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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In Re Application of:

Attorney Docket No. R09-97-195

BRIAN J. CRAGUN

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§ Examiner: BULLOCK, JR., L.

Serial No. 09/025,155

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§ Art Unit: 2784

Filed: February 18, 1998

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
AUTOMATIC TASK FOCUS SWAPPING  
DURING BROWSER WAIT TIME

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In the Examiner's response to Appellant's argument the Examiner weaves an interconnected net of multiple computer dictionary definitions in an attempt to dissuade the Board from the soundness of Appellant's arguments. For example, Appellant has argued that the windows of the Slotznick reference are not suggestible of the applications of the present application and that it is improper to equate windows and applications as they are not interchangeable concepts. The Examiner, noting the American Heritage Dictionary, "Dictionary of Computer Words," notes that each window can display output "from a different program" and as an application is defined as "a program or a set of programs," therefore a window must be equivalent to an application.

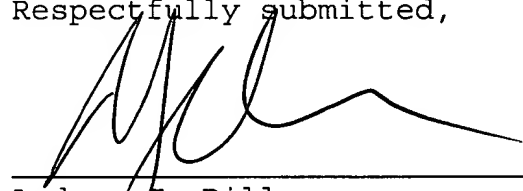
Appellant urges the Board to consider that by the Examiner's logic, as man is a mammal and as a dog is a mammal then a man must be a dog. Consequently, Appellant believes that the Board should disregard the Examiner's lexicographical wizardry and apply to the terms in the present claims the ordinary meaning given those terms by one skilled in the art.

For the reasons stated in the Appeal Brief and emphasized herein, Appellant urges that the Examiner's rejections in this application be reversed.

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